

Summary of Public Meeting
on
North and South Cavalcade Street
September 11, 1985

A public meeting was held at 7:00pm on September 11, 1985, at the Lindale Park Civic Club to discuss the activities and schedules related to the remedial investigations and feasibility studies at the North and South Cavalcade Street Superfund sites.

Thirty-one persons registered for the meeting including the news media from Channel 2 (NBC), Channel 11 (CBS), and the Houston Post. Larry Wright opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting as well as the Superfund process. John Cochran explained the specifics of both sites including historical aerial photographs of the sites. Mr. Cochran explained the phases of the investigation and the timetable for the activities at the sites. It is anticipated that the remedial investigations and the feasibility studies will be completed in the summer of 1986, with the Record of Decision made in the winter of 1986. Ellen Greeney explained the community involvement with emphasis on the public comment period and public meeting at the end of the feasibility studies.

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There were several questions from the audience:

One person questioned the perimeter of the sites related to the railroad easements on the east and west sides. She wanted the railroad easements included for cleanup as well as including Houston Belt and Terminal as a potentially responsible party. She was also concerned about the location of the monitoring wells in hopes that the offsite data would require EPA to clean-up the railroad easements and prove that the railroad should help finance the cleanup. She stated that there is evidence that the railroad actually treated railroad ties with creosote on the railroad easement. EPA will review the data from the field investigation especially the offsite groundwater monitoring results and take the appropriate action.

There was a question regarding relocating the businesses currently located on one of the sites. EPA cannot rule out the possibility of excavating soils and a possible temporary shifting of facilities.

One question concerned the acetylene facility located adjacent to one of the sites. He had misunderstood it as "a settling pond".

Another question concerned assurances that his company's methods of disposal would be considered as an alternative in the feasibility study. EPA directed him to the requirements outlined in the National Contingency Plan and to the public comment period at the end of the feasibility studies.

A final statement was made that one gentleman could not hear the proceedings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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